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Filing Date	December 12, 2003
Art Unit	
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SAFETY STOPPER FOR A WELDING TORCH STRIKER

(Title of the Invention)

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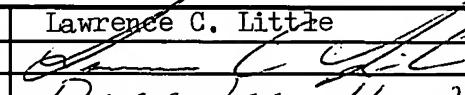
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